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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT THE DONATION OF \$25,000 FROM THE RIEHL FAMILY TRUST
(FIRST AND FIFTH DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Riehl Family Trust, Marc R. Isaacson, Successor Trustee intends to donate \$25,000 to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (Department) Canine Unit.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and instruct the Mayor to accept the donation of \$25,000 for the purpose of purchasing and training canines to be used by the Department's Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) Canine Services Detail and to specifically assist Temple Sheriff's (TEM) Station.
2. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to send a letter of appreciation to the Riehl Family Trust, Marc Isaacson, Successor Trustee, 301 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena, California 91101.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The donated money will be utilized for the purpose of purchasing and training canines utilized by the Department's SEB Canine Unit. The unit is primarily responsible for assisting patrol stations by conducting searches for felony and/or armed suspects with the use of specially trained dogs and their handlers.

The canines also support the Department's Special Weapons Teams (SWT) during tactical situations, as well as during the service of high risk search/arrest warrants. In addition to their normal patrol duties, canine deputies regularly train and work in conjunction with the SWT.

Canine units are generally the first responders to patrol stations during emergent tactical situations. The canines provide a much higher degree of safety during the search for felony and/or armed suspects by minimizing the possibility of an armed confrontation. The risks posed to the public and Department personnel are greatly reduced by the use of the canines.

TEM Station incorporates a large patrol area, which includes unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County (County) within the San Gabriel Valley, Rosemead, Duarte, South El Monte, and the city of Bradbury. Areas within the jurisdiction have been specifically targeted by organized residential burglary rings. The use of canines will greatly assist the Department and TEM Station in their mission of making the community safe.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Acceptance of this donation promotes the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness; and Goal 5, Public Safety. The donation will enhance both the quality and productivity of services provided by the Department's SEB Canine Unit.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The costs associated with the training and care on all purchased canines will be paid for out of the Department's operating budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

State law authorizes the acceptance of gifts for specific County purposes in Government Code Section 25355.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no impact on current County services.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return one adopted copy of the letter to the Department's SEB Canine Services Detail.

Sincerely,



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